tonnes of Fenvalerate. This was sanctioned by the Government. Subsequently, about two years later Rallis India were allowed expansion of their Fenvalerate capacity by 100 tonnes based on the facts available at that time and the positive policy of the Government to allow further capacity in this field.

(d) Government's present policy is to selectively allow expansion of capacity in Synthetic Pyrethroids and also to allow broad-banding in this field so that companies can produce one or the other of the Pyrethroids within the sanctioned capacity. We have also advised the medium scale company to submit a fresh application for any expansion of capacity that they may need and this will be considered on merits as per the present policy of the Government.

Mark up on Vitamins

1515. DR H. P SHARMA. Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that combination of vitamin drugs are covered under Price Control Order, 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that drug companies in the past concentrated on the production of tonics, vitamin preparations instead of essential medicines;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have increased the mark up on vitamin combinations under DPCO, 1987; and

(d) if so, what was the mark up allowed on vitamins under DPCO, 1979 and what is the mark up under DPCO, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The product mix of some companies indicated a higher proportions of these than the other medicines.

(c) and (d) The new DPCO which gives details of mark up allowed for all price controlled drugs has been laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Production of Metamizol

1516. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Metamizol is being produced in the country;

(b) what are the names of units both in the organised and small scale sectors along with production of each during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that this drug both by itself and in combination with other drugs has been withdrawn in a number of countries due to its dangerous effects;

(d) whether it is also a fact that this drug is being sold in India;

(e) if so, what was the turn-over of this drug during 1986;

(f) whether it is a fact that Government have increased the mark up on finished medicines based on this drug; and

(g) if so, what was the earlier and the revised mark up and what is the justification in increasing the mark up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b- Metamizol (Analgin) is reserved for public sector and is being produced by M/s. IDPL in the Organised Sector Quantity produced during the